



SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who needs to submit a School Bus Pass Registration Form?

All students who wish to ride the school bus to and from school during the 2009-2010 school year will need to register for the bus. All students in regular public and private school program in Shrewsbury, as well as all Special Education Students who attend programs in Shrewsbury who need bus service must complete and submit the form prior to June 1, 2009. Vocational students who attend Assabet Valley Regional Vocation High School are also required to complete and submit the form. Late fees are assessed after June 1, 2009.

What does the Bus Pass cost?

The school bus pass fee for the 2009-2010 school year is \$250.00 per student, and there is family cap of \$500.00, or two (2) students. Late fees of \$50.00 per bus pass are assessed after June 1, 2009 on each bus pass requested. Questions regarding the bus pass fees or payment methods should be directed to the Transportation Coordinator at ddamien@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Who has to pay for the Bus Pass?

Students in Grades K-6 who live less than two (2) miles from their assigned school are required to purchase a bus pass. All students in grades 7-12 are required to purchase a bus pass. Special Education students with transportation requirements written into a valid IEP will receive bus transportation at no cost. Vocation students attending Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School will receive bus transportation at no cost. Shrewsbury Public School students in Grades K-6 who live more than two (2) miles from their assigned school are issued bus passes upon request at no cost, if the School Bus Pass Registration Form is received prior to June 1, 2009. All students wishing to utilize the school bus, regardless of fee based or free status must complete and submit a School Bus Pass Registration Form prior to June 1, 2009. Late fees are assessed after this date.

What if the student is eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program?

Students who are eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program will not be required to pay the bus pass fee. There is a \$10.00 processing fee for these school bus passes. These students must complete and submit a form prior to June 1, 2009. Late fees are assessed after this date.

Can I purchase a one-way Bus Pass at a reduced rate?

No. All bus passes are issued based upon a student bus assignment to and from school or day care services. Each child is assigned one bus and one stop to and from school.

When do I have to submit payment?

All bus pass fees must be submitted by June 1, 2009. All Bus Pass Registration Forms received after June 1, 2009 will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee per bus pass, regardless of the free or fee based status of the request.

Can the child be picked up or dropped off at a day care provider?

Yes. We will provide services to and/or from day care providers if the day care is in the same school district as the home. For example, a child who resides in the Floral School District can use a day care located in the Floral School District only. The only exception to this rule is for students attending the morning Kindergarten program at Beal School. Those students can use day care providers in either the Coolidge or Paton School Districts.

Can I get a refund if I am not happy with the bus stop or times?

Refunds will be issued if a refund request form is received prior to the first day of school. Once school has started in August, no refunds will be issued.

What if the child loses the bus pass?

Replacement passes can be ordered from the Transportation Department as needed. The cost of a replacement bus pass is \$10.00 per bus pass.

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